

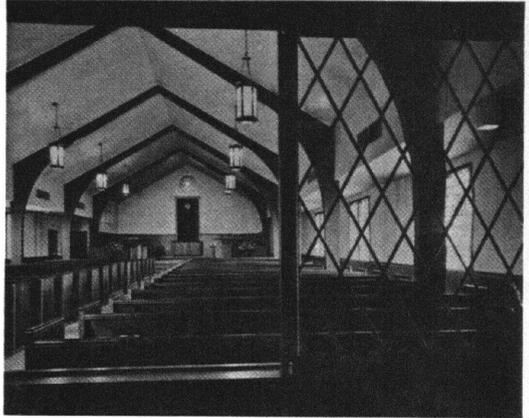
Torrance is a fully integrated city, with its own schools, city government, and public transportation system. It covers nearly 21 square miles and boasts beautiful hillside residential areas, over a mile of improved beach frontage, apartment dwellings, and a well rounded community recreation and leisure hour program.

The Torrance Fire Department is among the highest rated in the Southland and is now located in a new central headquarters at Carson Street and Crenshaw Boulevard. Three other stations house men and equipment to serve the other areas of the city.

Industries in Torrance are protected by a detailed zoning ordinance which sets aside approximately one third of the city for industrial use. It is now the home of such giants of the Southland industrial family as the General Petroleum Refinery, Rome Cable Corp., Columbia-Geneva Division of U. S. Steel, Union Carbide Chemicals Company, Reynolds Metals Company, General Aluminum Corp., Dow Chemical Company, Pittsburgh Paints, American-Standard, the National Supply Company, Rubbercraft Corp., North American Aviation, Doak Aircraft, Sheridan-Gray, Longren Aircraft, Hi-Shear Rivet and Tool, Carrett Corp. (AiResearch), Belond Muffler, Kentile, and Magnavox. More than 150 other small industries have their plants in Torrance and the list is expanding daily.



Torrance has 1½ miles of the cleanest safest beaches in the county. Shown above is Miss Sharon Smith, former Miss Torrance Chamber of Commerce.



Interior View of the First Christian Church of Torrance, Reverend H. Milton Sippel, pastor.



Public support of the City's rapidly expanding school system through the recent years points to the stability of the city's residential growth. When the city formed

its own school district in 1947, it had one high school and four elementary schools. Today the city has three high schools, twenty-nine elementary schools, and has plans for a fourth high school and several more elementary schools. And the need is increasing with each new family that moves to Torrance.

Voters in Torrance have passed all school bond issues by an overwhelming majority--usually about 10 to 1. The school has made wise use of its bond money, federal aid funds, and local tax funds to develop the enormous building program made necessary by the tremendous population growth.

Now completed is a civic center which includes a new city hall, police station, county court building, and swimming pool. Planned for future addition to the 35-acre center is a civic center auditorium in addition to park and playground facilities.

The city was selected as an All-American City in 1957 by the National Municipal League for "Growth Without Strain".

Credited along with an efficient city administration, for the rapid and planned development of Torrance, is an aggressive Chamber of Commerce, rated as one of the nation's finest.

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